



Arbitrator News

Monthly Newsletter for the Juvenile Arbitration
Program of
Aiken, Bamberg and Barnwell Counties

Newsletter Date February 2023

Did You Know:

February 12, 2023 is
Random Act of
Kindness (RAK) Day.

- The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation is a small nonprofit that invests resources into making kindness the norm.
- The foundation was born in the Bay Area during the 1990's. It was during a summer of violence when a reporter noted that people should stop reporting on "random acts of violence" and start 'practicing random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty.' That began a movement and The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation (RAK) was born.

Thank you to our amazing volunteers and community partners for all of their support of our activities and events that make Arbitration so successful.

Make plans to join us on February 15 for our Aiken State Park Community Service Day and on February 18 for the next ACTS Food Distribution.



ACTS



Juvenile Arbitration is grateful to partner with ACTS as a community service site and partnership for youth and families participating with the Juvenile Arbitration Program.

Arbitration assists with food distribution throughout Aiken County.

Richland County Sheriff's Office



Thank you to Deputy Parker with the Juvenile Arbitration Program of the Richland County Sheriff's Office for their support and help in creating a successful food drive for South Carolina residents this Christmas season.

In addition to serving the adults of Richland County, deputies under the Youth Services unit of the Uniform Division help our youth through a variety of programs, including:

- BRIDGE Program
- Camp Clean-Up
- Camp L.O.T.T.
- RCSD Mentoring Matters

Shop Her Closet



Thank you to Joy and the entire team of Shop Her Closet in Bamberg for regularly hosting community food drives.

Residents have the opportunity to pick-up a box of fresh produce along with non-perishable items.

Keep Aiken County Beautiful



Thank you to Kandace Cave and the entire team of Keep Aiken County Beautiful for hosting the Butterfly Garden Replant as a community service opportunity.

Community Service Projects



Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers, community partners and Keep Aiken County Beautiful who make our clean-up events and projects so successful.

Aiken State Park



Aiken State Park welcomed two new faces to the park in 2022.

Kelly Howell joined Aiken State Park as the new Park Manager and Jamie Nobile is the Park Ranger.

The Juvenile Arbitration Program partners with Aiken State and Keep Aiken County Beautiful to offer community clean-up days and environmental stewardship activities for our youth and community.

Please join us on February 15, 2023 for our next clean-up.

Children's Law Conference

Thank you to the amazing team of the South Carolina Children's Law Center for putting together a fantastic conference.

Speakers from around the state and country shared updates on human trafficking, responding to abuse and neglect, and best practices for supporting youth and families.

Thank you to Maryann Burgess with the Child Advocacy Center and Gabrielle Heraly with the Department of Juvenile Justice for attending.



Shop Her Closet



Joy Haynes and her team are familiar faces in Bamberg County and Joy serves as Director of Shop Her Closet.

Make plans to join Shop Her Closet and Juvenile Arbitration for a Clothing Swap on February 17!

Clothing swaps are a great way to reduce landfill waste and give clothes a second chance. Youth will be assisting with bagging.

Community Sanction—Art Tour

On Friday February 17, 2023, make plans to join the Juvenile Arbitration Program at the Columbia Museum of Art.

the Columbia Museum of ART

In honor of Presidents Day, join docent Cindy Jurgensen for a tour of art in the CMA Collection with a connection to a U.S. president or the White House. Focal Points is a series of gallery tours featuring topics and themes near and dear to the hearts of docents and staff.

Limited no-cost tickets are available to youth and their families thanks to donations.

To register a child, please contact Juvenile Arbitration at 803-508-0023.

Community Service Day

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

...Aiken... State Park

February 15, 2023

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Join Juvenile Arbitration and Keep Aiken County
Beautiful for a State Park Clean-Up Day.

1145 State Park Road, Windsor, SC

RSVP to nspinelli@aikencountysc.gov



Barnwell County Sheriff's Office



Thank you to Sheriff Steven W. Griffith and Lieutenant Eric Kirkland for hosting the Barnwell County Law Enforcement Expo.

The Expo was a wonderful way for community members to meet and learn more about law enforcement agencies and community partners.

Tables included:

- McDonalds
- Job Readiness
- Alcohol and Drug
- Mental Health Support



Barnwell County Sheriff's Office



American Sewing Guild

Thank you to the Aiken County Chapter of the American Sewing Guild for donating 50 “Sew Love” bags to the Victim Assistance Program. These bags are designed with the purpose of assisting those transitioning from a difficult situation.



2nd Judicial Circuit Human Trafficking Collation



Thank you to City of Aiken Mayor Rick Osbon and the entire team of the Child Advocacy Center for hosting the Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Sanction Opportunity

SAVE THE DATE



**STEM
FEST**

MAY 6, 2023



**13030 Main St.
Williston, SC 29853**

www.digdp.org/digstem



Barnwell County Sheriff's Office



Thank you to Sheriff Steven W. Griffith, Lieutenant Eric Kirkland and the entire team of the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office for hosting the Stuff-a-Bus Community Event.

Stuff-a-Bus was a wonderful way to support our youth and families in the Barnwell community.

The most current Census data tells us that 23% of Barnwell county residents are in poverty, and that 38.5% of the child population resides in poverty.

By working together, the team of the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office worked to ensure that over 100 children received toys, clothes and books this holiday season. Thank you to the Barnwell County School District and WalMart for their support.

Barnwell County Sheriff's Office



Aiken Youth Empowerment



aiken youth
EMPOWERMENT™

=Shaping Brighter Futures

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COMPLETE THE FREE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM & GET A \$25 GIFT CARD!

This program connects you with a community health worker who will provide you with information & resources in your community.

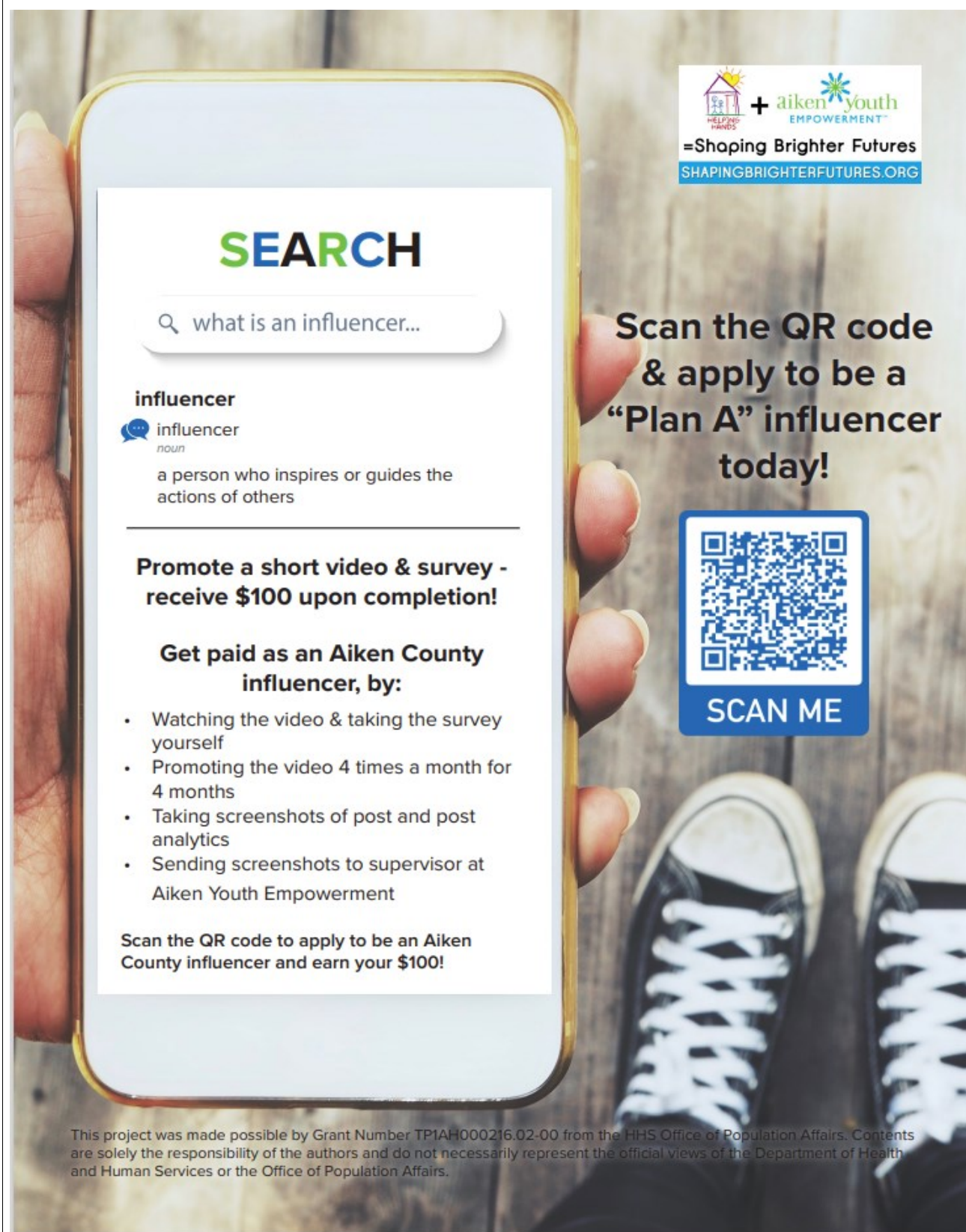
Get your \$25 gift card in 3 steps:

1. Connect with a community health worker
2. Watch 20 minute video
3. Fill out survey at end of video



Connect with Tiiu Goode at
tgoode@aikenyouthempowerment.org
or 803-648-3456 ext. 105

Aiken Youth Empowerment



SEARCH

what is an influencer...

influencer

influencer
noun

a person who inspires or guides the actions of others

Promote a short video & survey - receive \$100 upon completion!

Get paid as an Aiken County influencer, by:

- Watching the video & taking the survey yourself
- Promoting the video 4 times a month for 4 months
- Taking screenshots of post and post analytics
- Sending screenshots to supervisor at Aiken Youth Empowerment

Scan the QR code to apply to be an Aiken County influencer and earn your \$100!

Scan the QR code & apply to be a "Plan A" influencer today!

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Family Connections of South Carolina



*SAVE
THE
DATE*

*2023
Hopes &
Dreams*

*April 5th
R2i2 Conference
Center*

The Hopes and Dreams Conference offers professionals, family members and self-advocates an opportunity to learn more about resources and support available to the special needs community. Families can connect with professionals, and this increased communication sets the stage for children and individuals with disabilities to reach their full potential.

Library Card Challenge



Community Resource

SAVE \$30
A MONTH ON YOUR
INTERNET SERVICES!

Federal Communications Commission

UNITED STATES
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

I'm saving \$30 a month on my Internet services

I need to save some money, too!

It's the ACP program, and EYES INC can help you get connected under their BURRS program

BURRS?!

Yes, gurr!... cold cash savings... cold cash!

you're right! I'ma call them today!

EYES INC.
Motivate • Empower • Educate for Success!

Customer Care Specialists Available 9AM - 8PM
950 Holly Street, Orangeburg, SC 29115, 23 Madison Road, Suite B, Fairfield, NJ 07004
1.231.ACP BURR - (1.231.227.2877)
acpburrs.com

Library Card Challenge

Thank you to Ms. Fulmer with the Nancy Bonnette Public Library for helping our teens obtain their library cards.



Training Opportunity



Be About It!

Teen Dating Violence: Engage, Educate, Empower 2023 Conference

Taking action to empower and protect
our youth against Dating Violence.

Friday, February 24, 2023

9am-1pm

Sign in begins at 8:30

Location: Peace Lutheran Church
202 Richland Ave West Aiken, SC 29801

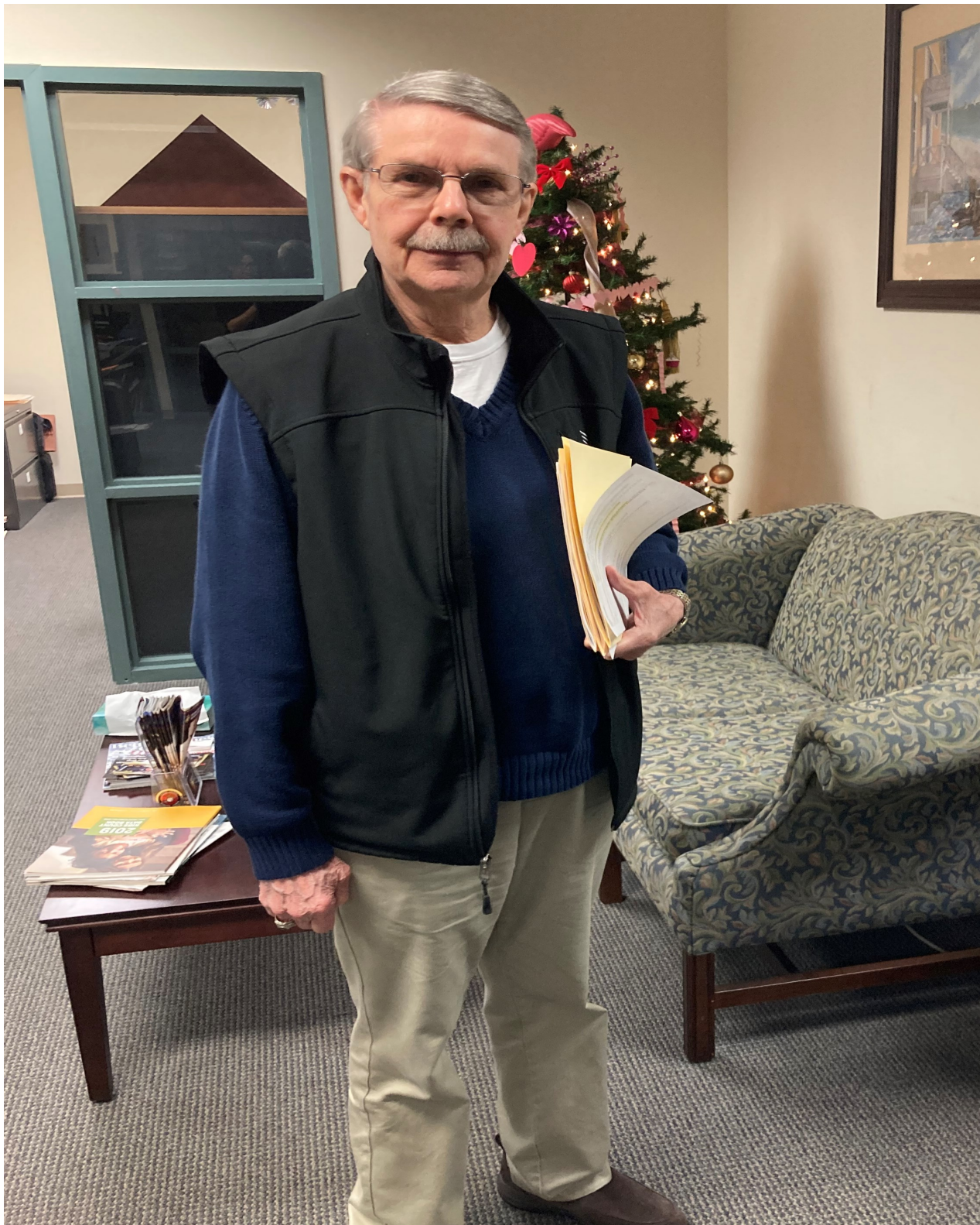
This FREE training
will be accredited
for CEU hours.

Must register at
beaboutit2023.eventbrite.com
to attend.

Cumbee
center

Volunteer Spotlight

Thank you to Arbitrator Fred Kelsven for his support of the Juvenile Arbitration Program.



**SECOND CIRCUIT
JUVENILE
ARBITRATION
PROGRAM**

211 York Street, NE
Aiken, SC 29801

2nd Judicial Circuit
P.O. Drawer 3368
Aiken, SC 29802

803-642-1512

Calendar of Events

Ridge Spring ACTS
Community Service Day:
• February 15

Victim Impact Panel:
• February 6

Life Skills Class EcoTalk:
• February 3

General Sessions:
• February 13-14

First Day Hike



Thank you to Aiken State Park and Kandace Cave with Keep Aiken County Beautiful for making the Aiken State Park First Day Community Hike a success for our third year.



Save-the-Date for the Redcliffe Plantation Earth Day Hike at Redcliffe Plantation State Historic Site. Join a ranger on Saturday April 22, 2023 at 9 AM for a guided hike of the 1.7 mile trail at Redcliffe Plantation. The trail is an easy to moderate hike on uneven ground.

Bring water, bug spray, walking shoes and dress for the weather. Online registration open in March and will count as a community service event.

Youth ChalleNGe Academy



Thank to you to the amazing and dedicated team of the South Carolina Youth ChalleNGe Academy for their support of the Juvenile Arbitration Program.

Youth participating with the program have the opportunity to complete their education and learn job skills.